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Walnut Creek Stake Conference Speakers. (L. to r.) First Counsellor Joseph R. Hilton, Sister Mary Vogel Cameron, Stake President Kenneth D. Jensen, Sister Adena Nell Swanson Gourley, and Second Counsellor Mark R. Bickley.

Temple Fund Oversubscribed

President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland Temple Committee Finance chairman, notified President David O. McKay on April 1 that the membership of the 22 stakes of the Oakland Temple District had oversubscribed their original pledge of \$500,000. The estimated cost of the Temple is \$2,500,000.

Some of the stakes of the area, those with heavy building commitments, have not yet met their assessments so the 102 per cent subscription recorded will reach a new high when all pledges are received, said President Stone.

It has been suggested that the subscription fund will remain open until about time for the Temple dedication. This will give newcomers to the district and others an opportunity to partake of the blessings which always come from giving to the construction of a House to the Lord.

President Stone declined to name a new collection goal but expressed his faith in the Northern California Saints to continue to assist in the financing of the Oakland Temple.

Send 'Thank-Yous' To TV Stations

DO YOU always send a note or card of appreciation to your favorite TV station for carrying the General Conferences of the Church?

If not, how can you be sure the station won't discontinue the service and sell this highly valuable time to a sponsor? A flood of mail to the program directors will show them the extent of listenership the programs have.

You can still get a "penny postcard" for less than a nickel. Wouldn't it be a good "insurance" investment?

Copies of this issue of The Messenger of Northern California and that which reported the groundbreaking exercises of the Oakland Temple, plus pictures of that historic event will be among the memorabilia sealed in the Temple cornerstone, according to recent information to the staff.

Auxiliaries' Work Praised At Parley

Values of the Relief Society and Primary Association in building and maintaining the Church were stressed by speakers at the Walnut Creek Stake Quarterly Conference March 31 at the East Bay Interstake Center.

By direction of the First Presidency, Sisters Mary Vogel Cameron of the Relief Society General Board and Adena Nell Swanson Gourley of the Primary Association General Board were the visiting speakers at the Sunday meetings as well as at the meetings of Relief Society and Primary leaders the previous day.

Sister Cameron told of the Relief Society's concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of Church families, listed attributes of the society, and said, "The Relief Society is in good hands here."

She was preceded by Sister Genieve James, president of the Stake Relief Society Board, who outlined the history of the society from its organization in Nauvoo March 17, 1842, to its present membership of 231,000. From a small start as the "Martinez Branch" which included all of central and eastern Contra Costa county plus Benicia, in 1927, the stake has grown to its present size and the Relief Society to a membership of 807, she said.

First Counsellor J. R. Hilton of

Conference Sets Stake Record

Walnut Creek Stake's largest quarterly conference of record—attendance 2477—nevertheless attracted less than one-third of the stake membership, President Kenneth D. Jensen announced to the audience March 31.

With the recent occupancy of the Danville Ward chapel, all 13 of the stake's wards are now meeting in buildings erected by "Mormons" and their friends, Pres. Jensen said. This, of course, includes multiple occupancy of some chapels while the stake building program progresses.

Genealogy Stressed At Stake Meeting

By Glen Wright

"What in the world are you doing for those who are not in this world?" asked High Councilman Dennis Lauper, first speaker at the April 20-21 Oakland-Berkeley Quarterly Stake Conference, Interstake Center.

His question keynoted the predominant theme of two day session, as speaker after speaker, be-

ginning with President O. Leslie Stone, emphasized genealogy work today.

Under direction of general authority Milton R. Hunter, First Council of Seventy, the sessions attracted record crowds: 1,929 in the morning and 1,270 in the afternoon. Other meetings were also well attended.

Accompanying Brother Hunter from Salt Lake City were Paul F. Royall, general secretary of the Genealogical Society, and Donald Bagley, member of the Welfare Committee.

Identify Ancestors

Following President Stone's opening remarks which enjoined members to pay tithing, respond willingly to assignments, live each day well and to be "about our Father's business" by doing more genealogy work, brother Lauper propounded his question and answered it by explaining the importance of work for the dead.

"Our obligation," he said, "is to identify our ancestors into family groups and do their temple work vicariously for them so that they might accept or reject and progress in eternity accordingly."

"The new (Oakland) temple is as much for the dead as for the living."

Three Obligations

Quoting the Pearl of Great Price to the effect that genealogy started with Adam, who at God's command, kept a Book of Remembrance, Elder Royall asserted that the three basic obligations of man are to: 1) God; 2) Christ; 3) his ancestors.

Brother Royall had set the pace for genealogical discussion at a special meeting Saturday afternoon at which he declared "Genealogy is the most important work in the Church, not excepting Missionary work."

He said that beginning in September of this year the MIA adult class will be abolished and a one hour genealogy class will be given instead, under direction of the Ward Genealogy Committee. Thirty-five lessons have already been prepared to last until May 1964 when a teaching manual will be issued.

The adult Sunday School Gospel Doctrine class will be done away with in January 1964, when a youth genealogy program will be instituted under direction of the Sunday School department. Manuals are now being prepared by the Church Genealogy Committee.

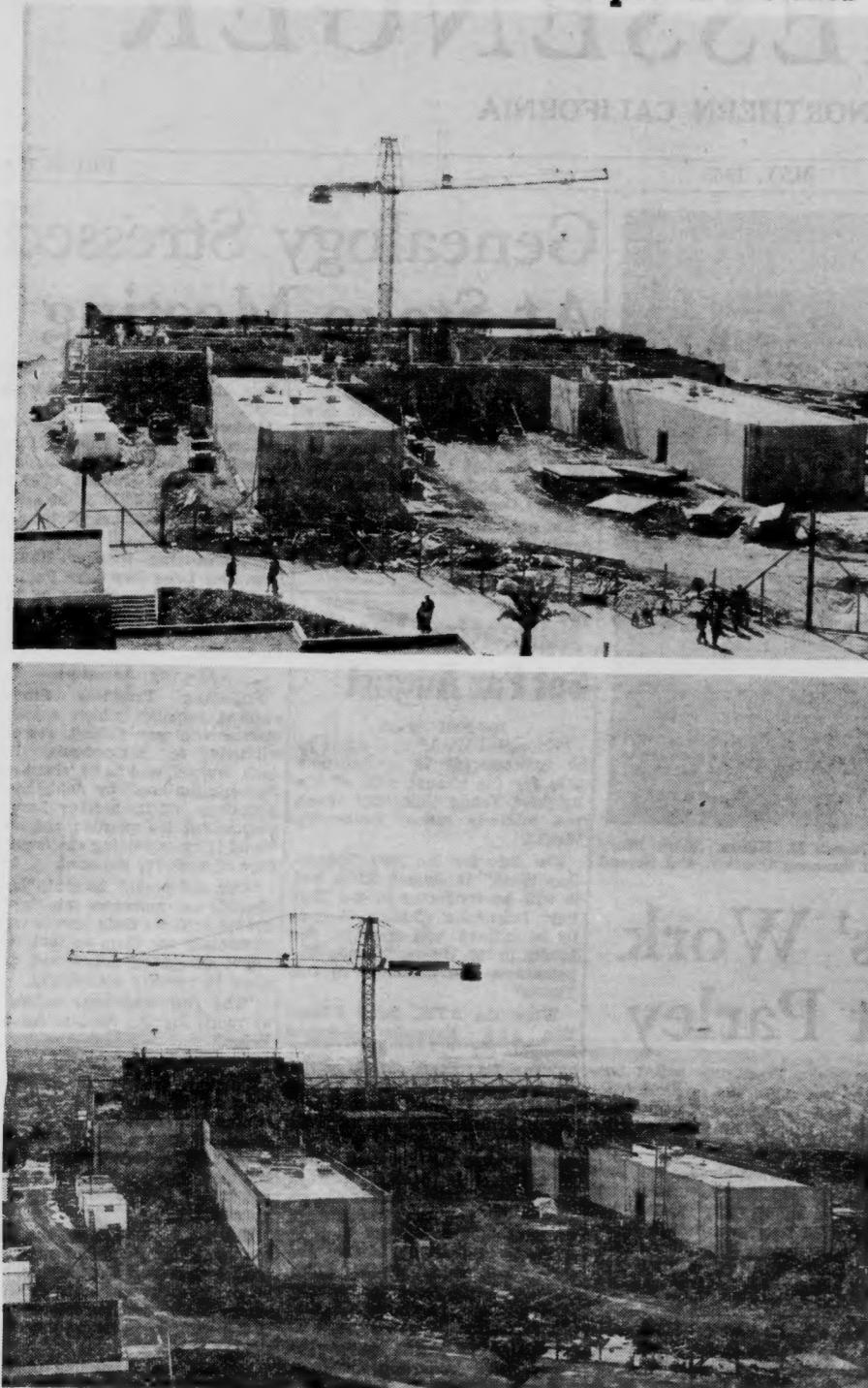
All lesson manuals in the future will be prepared by the same Church Committee which will integrate them by making genealogy the subject of every fourth lesson. Temple work and genealogy work will be kept separate, Royall said, adding that all bishops are being urged to publicize and popularize the program.

374th Stake

Sunderland Stake in Sunderland, is the 374th stake in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was organized March 17 by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the council of the Twelve and president of the West European Mission.

Laying of the cornerstone of the Oakland Temple is scheduled for Saturday, May 25. The Tabernacle Choir, which appears at the San Francisco Memorial Opera House the previous evening is scheduled to participate in the ceremonies. Watch your daily newspaper for particulars of the program which were not available when this issue of The Messenger went to press.

Progress Of Work On Oakland Temple In Pictures



MUCH OF THE WORK on the Oakland Temple is now going on inside the building, as these two views taken March 18 (in the sun) and April 15 (after a rain) indicate. Views of the postal service delayed the March picture beyond last month's deadline. Photos by Robert C. McCrea.

L.D.S. Notes and Quotes

We recommend your careful study of the current "Era" for another reason. President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley stake, found therein can be used by all guest editor of the "Presiding of us."

Another note of interest to be found in the April "Era" is in the opening paragraph of the item on page 243. It is a quote from the "Journal of Discourses" which is a compilation of talks given by President John Taylor who was then a member of the Council of the Twelve.

What's so interesting about that? Well, it does bring to mind that his grandson, Samuel W. Taylor, an associate editor of the messenger, has been a member of the local "Education Week" faculty for the past two years!

Have you received your copy of the April "Era"? The entire issue is devoted to the problems of "Family Togetherness . . . the Challenge of Our Times," the theme for study during the 1963 Northern California Education Week, scheduled for August 12-16 in the East Bay Interstake Center.

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El Sobrante Ward

Ward Teaching Records Set

By Evelyn Chidlers

Newly organized after recent division from Rodeo Ward, El Sobrante looks forward to vigorous growth and activities under the direction of our new Bishopric, E. Dene Ogdern and his two counselors, Floyd Severson and Douglas Storey. As example of this enthusiasm, the Ward Teachers in their first two months have set records of 97.7% and 100% for January and February.

The first of our new Ward events, combined with Rodeo Ward, directed by Lurae Storey, was a voyage to China over the gangplank to the Pagoda Room (Rec. Hall) for the "Ching Ming Feast" with oriental food, decorations, and entertainment—the children loved the Golden Dragon, and we all enjoyed the "Chinese" dancing girls.

Another successful Rendezvous under the direction of Don and Margaret Martindale was held March 23 as Building Fund project. All who attended "Rendezvous with Pleasure" last spring and now the "Starlight Rendezvous" look forward to this semi-annual delightful evening of delicious dinner and professional entertainment—Mark July 3, Interstate Center, for your next "Rendezvous in Tahiti."

Thirteen Ward members participated in the Los Angeles Temple excursion with a credit of 37 en-

Richmond Ward

Three Win Duty To God Awards

By MIMA WILLIAMS

Duty to God Awards were presented by 2nd Counselor William Charles to three priests of the Richmond Ward in a recent sacramental service.

Dwayne M. Parsons and Richard E. Parsons are sons of Melvin and Beatrice Parsons. Leon C. Henderson is the son of Bishop and Marjorie Henderson.

Daryl N. Chinn was one of nine local high school seniors awarded a scholarship under the terms of the will of the late Richard H. Spiersch, who left a bequest of \$5,500 for this purpose.

Selection of the winners was made by a committee composed of Dr. George D. Miner, Richmond school superintendent, Dr. Hollis Mortensen, president, Richmond Rotary Club, and Louis H. Martin, exalted ruler, Richmond Lodge of Elks. These individuals also were specified in the Spiersch will.

The scholarship \$500 check and appropriate certificates will be presented to Daryl at a dinner to be held May 7. This dinner given by the Richmond Lodge of Elks, will also include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Chinn.

downments performed. All returned home tired but happy with closer bonds of friendship.

We are proud of Phillip Gowens, our second Explorer Scout to earn the "Duty to God" award.

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Oakland 3rd Ward Suspicion to Love, Uruguay Story

By Mary Westover

Wes Matheson, recently appointed Presiding Elder in the district of Paysandu, Uruguay, reports that a gratifying thing about the work is the change in the attitude of the people toward the missionaries and their message. Where before there was suspicion, there is now avid interest and acceptance. Several years ago just being heard was a problem, and one baptism in two and a half years was the record. Even last year only 37 were baptised during the entire period. Now the athletic program is extremely popular, they have been donated time for a 15-minute program each week by the radio station, space for a column each week in a large newspaper, and have baptised 50 people during the first three months of 1963.

Our Bishopric attended the conference in Salt Lake City and report that it was most enjoyable and edifying experience.

The Ward Pot Luck Dinner held Friday, April 19th, was a gala occasion for all who attended. Funds raised were used in the Welfare Work and to defray the expenses of sending two teams to Salt Lake City for the basketball Concord Art Association.

Dr. Vince Woods emceed the delightful program which included a ladies' trio composed of Donna Jenkins, Arlene Granquist and Donna Lindford, accompanied by Gwen Durrant; a monologue by Patti Mortensen; dance numbers by Jan and Mark Russell.

A dinner and movie party was held to recognize the achievements of the members of the Aaronic Priesthood and those of the M.I.A. girls. All of the young people in these groups participated and enjoyed the occasion.

Brother and Sister Rufus Phelps broke their assignment at the Los Angeles Temple so that Brother Phelps might supervise work on the new Mission Home being built as one of the structures of the Temple complex now being developed. Both report great inspiration from the work they were doing, and look forward to their return to it some time in the fall.

The ward extends sympathy to the families of Sister Hettie King, a long-time member of this ward, and Brother E. Taft Benson, who had also been with us for some time. Sister King was in her 91st year and Brother Benson was 80. Both looked back on many years of unselfish service in the church.

Many members attended the concert given by the chorus and orchestra from Brigham Young University, in which our own Richard Pearce had a part. It was an impressive and enjoyable example of what can be done by young people dedicated to working with others in developing their talents.

Everybody loves doughnuts, and guess who is selling them! The Oakland 3rd Ward Relief Society! At Hunt's Doughnut Shop at MacArthur and Coolidge on Saturday May 18th. The proceeds from all sales on that day will be donated to us, and orders given ahead will be ready. A good excuse to break that diet you didn't like anyway.

Elder Russel Parker, recently Supervising Elder of the American River District, is our new supervising elder. He is assisted by Elder Dwight Bowen.

Elder Steven Kirkham has now completed his Northwest States Mission and has reported in to the ward and greeted his many friends whom he met while here in the service, all of whom have

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By La Verle M. Nielsen

April In Paris For Walnut Creek Young Marrieds

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"April in Paris" evening was enjoyed by over 300 Young Marrieds of Walnut Creek Stake April 19.

The delicious chicken dinner served in the French style began with a sparkling punch served in frosted glasses, amid the gay atmosphere of Paris complete with sidewalk cafe effects, flower stands, a remarkable string replica of the Eiffel Tower which graced the center of the floor and sidewalk portrait artists.

Music for dancing was played by Danny Null and the Danceables. The floor to ceiling replica of the Eiffel Tower was constructed by Al Ludlow, Bob Burnham and Bob Snelke. Two talented portrait artists who did sketches throughout the evening were Diana Monk and Dick Tegnar. The beautiful special lighting effects were created by Allan Chandler. Aljean Blake created the outstanding hall decorations. Twenty beautiful paintings were loaned by the Concord Art Association.

Elder Ronald Ria Caruso and Elder Bingham are now working in this area for the Western Spanish American Mission. Their special assignment is with the Spanish speaking people of the Bay Area.

There have been many new baptisms in the ward. We are glad to welcome Reed J. Shby, Robin Johnson, Richard Beckman, Mary Salaises, Jeff Brannin, Mina DeBores, Dorothy Andreaon and Henry Andreaon, and Jeanette Kai as members.

We are getting wonderful reports from our missionaries in the field. Brian McCarthy will be home in the near future. Others report transfers to other areas within their mission fields where the need is pressing at this time. Keith and Carol Wright Stephens are the proud parent's of twin girls, but not one bit prouder than the grandparents, Jim and Ruth Wright.

Dinner was catered by Pleasant Hill Second Ward under the direction of Dewey Williams. Sue Burnham was general chairman of the on-going-to-be-remembered evening in Gay Paree.

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Claremont Ward

BYU Concert Gets Standing Ovation

By Betty M. Nielsen

Claremont Ward is the scene of activity this week as its members prepare for the annual Welfare Carnival to be held Saturday, May 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. Proceeds from this traditional carnival are used to meet welfare expenses for the year, and we expect a large turnout.

Presented mid-way in the Easter week at Berkeley Community Theater, "Magnificat" and "Belshazzar's Feast" were particularly suitable for setting the mood for the remembrance of the resurrection.

Dr. Crawford Gates led the three hundred members of the choral groups and the one hundred instrumentalists through the two hour presentation.

Homemade baked goods will be sold, and Lenore Wood's special candy will be available for all sweets lovers.

Bishop Wood urges all to respond to the call to help make this carnival one of the highlights of the year in Claremont Ward.

Karma and Kimball Hansen recently became parents of their second child, a little girl named Linda Marie.

We really welcome Helen and Dean Madsen back after an absence of six weeks or so for business reasons.

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Lafayette-Orinda Stresses Scouting

Scouting, at all age levels from Cubs to Explorers, is emphasized at the Lafayette-Orinda Ward, Bishop E. Y. Wells reports with the comment, "We would like to boast a little."

In April the Cubs under supervision of Gerald Wilson went to Stockton and back on the Vista Dome California Zephyr. On April 20 at Camino high school the Cubs presented an exhibit on conservation. Future events include trip to a potato chip factory, candy factory, and automobile assembly plant.

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Chris Sorensen is the Scoutmaster for the 11 year olds, and Bill Wignall, assisted by Bill Powell Jr. and Oscar Busch, are scoutmasters for the rest. In early April the scouts took an overnight trip to Grass Valley. In May the Camporee is planned. This summer another ten-day hike in the Sierra is being planned, to be led again by Brother Busch, who led the scouts who went on a similar trip two years ago.

As part of the MIA program the ward supports Explorer Post 249, under the direction of Open Freeman. This summer two Explorer boys will be given the opportunity to attend a national Explorer Convocation for a week at BYU.

On April 16 the MIA held a talent show at the Veterans Hall in Lafayette. It was well attended and much appreciated. The young people sold refreshments, the proceeds going toward the building fund.

"On May 3 we will hold our dance Festival at the Walnut Creek Chapel. There are over 40 young people participating in this event," Bishop Wells said.

"The MIA is also holding a youth fair. The young people are doing any odd jobs from window washing to baby sitting and all of their proceeds are going to the ward building fund.

"We very much hope to be our Chapel by the middle of July. Work is going along nicely and we are now ready to begin painting and landscaping, weather permitting.

"There has been a revision of the Relief Society Presidency. We reluctantly released Beverly C. Powell as 2nd counselor, as she is moving to Piedmont. In her place, however, we welcome Lena Nordstrom, who has been active in Relief Society for many years, and is very capable.

"We have a new convert in our ward; Sharon Albright, who is now attending Stockton College."

Paul Loudon was selected as outstanding musician of the graduating class at Frick Junior School, Oakland. He played a trumpet solo with the orchestra in the school's musical assembly.

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Rain, Gale, Fail To Halt B of M "Trial" Crowds

by Jean Manning & Narmu Faulkner

Torrential rains, driven by near-hurricane winds, failed to discourage attendance of nearly 1000 Church members and non-member friends from attending Brother Jack H. West's mock trial of the Book of Mormon at the San Francisco Stake House in Daly City the night of March 22. By automobile and bus they came from Pacifica on the west to San Jose on the south to Hayward and Walnut Creek on the east and points in between.

Eight other seniors declared second



Cornerstone Rites Scheduled

By Neil Smith

The granite cornerstone has been delivered and is ready for the ceremonial laying on the North East corner of the garden roof area of the Oakland Temple. Church authorities will conduct this third step in the building on Saturday morning, May 25.

Construction is proceeding according to schedule in spite of the unusually heavy rainy season we have had this winter.

On the first level, the siding of four inch granite veneer is nearly completed. All of the granite is shipped from Raymond, California, near Yosemite.

The elevator shafts, the boiler

plant and most of the heating units have been installed and at least fiftypercent of the duct work is finished.

Over 6200 yards of concrete has been poured. The giant American Pecco Tower Crane has been jacked up to begin work on the next level.

Almost half of the interior lathing and plastering has been finished and the interior decorating is expected to begin January 1964, the target date for the completion of the exterior construction.

The Temple proper will measure 189 feet east and west and 110 feet north and south. There is a center tower 169 feet high with four lesser towers 95 feet high.

The beauty of the Temple structure can only be matched by its magnificent site which overlooks the majestic Pacific Ocean with a scenic view of the two world-famous bridges.

Building of the Temple began in August 1962, and the exterior work is expected to be completed by January 1964. Arthur Price, Church architect, and Robert Loder, construction superintendent, have their offices on the building site. Contractors are Leon Wheatley, Inc., and the Jacobson Construction Company, both of Palo Alto.

ELDER DENNIS G. BROWN

Farewell To Dennis G. Brown

A farewell testimonial was held for Elder Dennis Gordon Brown prior to his departure for the New Zealand Mission. Brother Brown is the son of William M. and Alice Lauper Brown and a member of the Sunset Ward of the San Francisco Stake.

He has had a perfect attendance at all Priesthood, Sunday School, and Sacrament Meetings for seven years. Currently he is activity Counselor in the Young Men's Mutual in his ward and has been awarded the coveted "Duty to God" award. Prior to his call, he was employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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Pleasant Hill 2nd Ward Sanders Baby Dies

By Neil Smith

Members of Pleasant Hill Second Ward were saddened this month by the death of the infant son of Marvin and Jane Sanders. Born prematurely, the child was named Bruce Marvin. Funeral services were conducted by Rex Bennion of the ward bishopric. Bishop William Matthews was the speaker with music offered by Archie Madsen and Keith McCune. Dedication of the grave was offered by Ray Persona.

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Several girls of the ward participated held on April 27. Articles modeled were all custom made by the girls themselves or their mothers.

General conference crowds in Salt Lake City were swelled by the presence of several members of the ward including Mearle Weathersbee, Mary Kowalski and the entire Robert Chalmers family, including all seven children.

Twenty-six of the ward enjoyed an overnight trip to the Los Angeles Temple on March 22-23. The group which traveled together on the bus with members of Pleasant Hill Ward, completed 61 endowments and were also able to witness the sealing of the Don Cook family. Later in the month a group of young people from the ward also traveled to the Temple to perform baptisms.

Geraldine Harvey, YIA activity counselor, announced that the Ward Dance Festival will be held May 8 at the Walnut Creek Chapel at 7:30. This is being emphasized as being a "family affair" activity.

Parents and families are encouraged to come and see the dances to be performed by the 24 girls and 7 boys participating.

The Stake Dance Festival will be held May 11th at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord. Bonnie Oram, dance director, announced that 12 girls and 7 boys from the ward will participate in the Division I Dance Festival being held May 18 at Santa Rosa as part of the Santa Rosa Festival activities.

The ladies of the Relief Society are looking forward to the annual Stake Relief Society May Fair which will be on May 3 at the Walnut Creek Chapel. There will be several representatives of our ward in the fashion show which is featuring Brother and Sister, Sisters, on Mother and Daughter fashions constructed in the home.

Baptized during the month were

Robert Michael Van Leuven and Daniel E. Norvell. Daniel Norvell was also ordained a deacon. New members recently moved into the ward include Dr. Glen Bell and his wife Jeannette with their four children; Lee and Joan Case and their five children.

Kenneth W. Matheson, son of Kenneth G. and Emma Matheson of the Oakland 3d Ward, now in the Eastern States Mission, has been called as executive secretary for the Hill Cumorah pageant and will serve in that capacity for the remainder of his mission. He was written his parents. His father was ward clerk of Oakland 3d Ward for seven years.

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2. Elizabeth Faulkner of Sudbury Derbyshire, England married Joseph Fearn 1769. I need Elizabeth's birthplace.

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May 18—Planning of Research Programs.

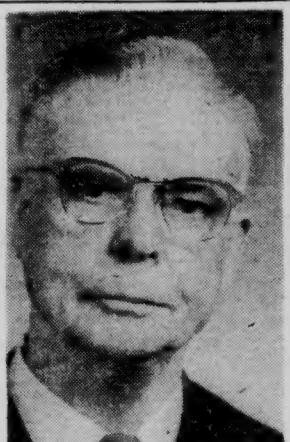
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Two Eagles In Esperson Family

By Cathie O'Connor

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Pleasant Hill Ward

Elder Tells Church Growth In Japan

By Rachel Levesque

Enthusiastic reports come from Elder Don Cleveland in the Far Eastern Mission. He has baptized two converts and is working with others. As a sideline to teaching the gospel itself, the Elder is teaching English twice a week to investigators. Brother Don has visited former P. H. Ward member Ted Price at his Tokyo home and relayed Ted's greetings. To give an idea of the size of the mission, Don notes that a recent conference there assembled over a hundred fulltime missionaries. (Mission President Dwayne Anderson, by the way, is from Concord, California.) They are building a chapel in Don's ward and constantly turning more ward and stake offices over to native Japanese, thus freeing missionaries for their basic gospel mission.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch here: Sister Cochran reports the Era Drive has filled its quota . . .

The April ward party was a carnival of fun, as planned . . . Both our Scout Troop and our Cub Pack participated in the District Scoutorama . . . And Troop 240 gained its first Eagle with the advancement of Mike Wheable at a recent Court of Honor. On the same program Den Chief Warrants were awarded to Scouts Gordet, Scott, Buchanan and Kowalski; while advancements went to Jim Robinson and Monte Evans, and a number of merit badges were presented.

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Archaeologists Say B of M Most Unique Ever

By Glen Wright

A broad spectrum of Latter-Day Saint viewpoints, including the Book of Mormon, Welfare, the Priesthood and the individual's responsibility in the Church program, was presented by speakers at the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, Interstake Center, Sunday, April 21.

"The most unique book ever written is the Book of Mormon; it was a special interest of Christ, who forsook present day conditions wherein people are too lazy to read much, instructed Mormon to abridge it—to make it a little book."

Thus Milton R. Hunter, of the First Council of Seventy, launched his opening address at the morning session.

Pointing out that the Book of Mormon is the only book directly sponsored by Christ as completely the word of God, Brother Hunter asserted it follows that anything contrary to it is untrue.

He completed the address in the afternoon session by calling attention to the archeological evidences of the book. Chief of these, he said, are proof that pre-Columbian Americans believed in a white, bearded God, and possessed horses and elephants.

He was preceded at the podium here: Sister Cochran reports the Era Drive has filled its quota . . .

The April ward party was a carnival of fun, as planned . . . Both our Scout Troop and our Cub Pack participated in the District Scoutorama . . . And Troop 240 gained its first Eagle with the advancement of Mike Wheable at a recent Court of Honor. On the same program Den Chief Warrants were awarded to Scouts Gordet, Scott, Buchanan and Kowalski; while advancements went to Jim Robinson and Monte Evans, and a number of merit badges were presented.

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He married Susan Groesbeck of Springville, Utah, in 1905. She died in 1942 and he later married Isma Potter of Provo, who survives.

Throughout his life he continued to advance himself in his profession through study both in this country and abroad. He was active in the Church until his final illness and, during much of his life, was a leader in civic affairs at American Fork, later at St. Anthony, Idaho. Since his retirement in 1950 he and Sister Kelly lived in Oakland.

Besides his widow, survivors include sons Howard of Blackfoot, Idaho, Dr. Ralph of Bakersfield, daughters Eleanor (Mrs. Robert N. Anderson) of London, England, and Connie (Mrs. Ilo J. Swan) of Oakland, and eleven grandchildren. A daughter Ruth died in early womanhood and is buried at American Fork near her parents.

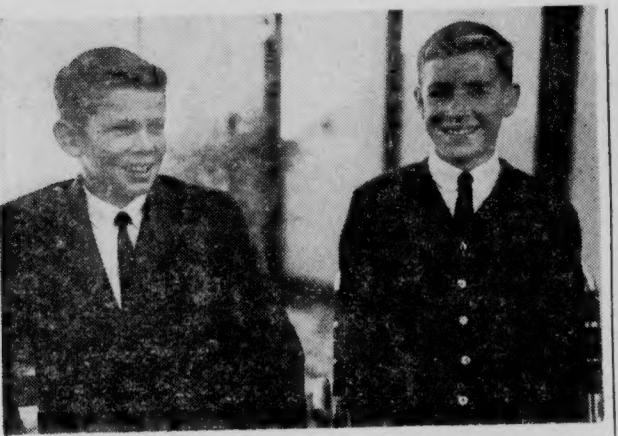
The Elders gave a successful Ward dinner with good food, entertainment, and prizes.

Sofia Clegg and Eldon Brody were recently sustained in the Primary in the position of working with the Guide Patrol.

Victor Lindblad, retired District Scoutmaster, is shown (l. to r.) Lindblad, William Wallace, Troop 38 Scoutmaster; Bruce Ricks, Wayne Bishop; Richard W. Owens of

Six Berkeley Scouts Win Eagle Rank

LDS Pictorial News Notes



JON FERGUSON, left and Jeff Pickett, right, Deacons and Scouts in the Lafayette-Orinda ward are good friends and have several things in common. Although they attend the same ward, they attend different Junior High Schools. Jeff, son of Donald and Jean Pickett, is Student Body President at Stanley Junior High in Lafayette, while Jon Ferguson, son of Tom and Ester Ferguson is Student Body President of Pine Grove Junior High in Orinda.

Both boys were on the honor roll in their respective schools last year and both are outstanding athletes. They are the youngest members of their ward softball teams; they were pitchers in the Little League baseball tournament last summer; and both are on the first-string football and basketball teams in their schools. Jeff pitched a perfect no-hit baseball game during the Little League season and Jon was Yo-Yo Champion of all of the Orinda schools for two consecutive years.

Out of student bodies of approximately 700 students, there is only one other LDS student at Pine Grove and 12 at Stanley.



THIS IS Donald Carl Esperson who received his DUTY TO GOD AWARD in his Junior year but didn't get a picture taken until his senior year.



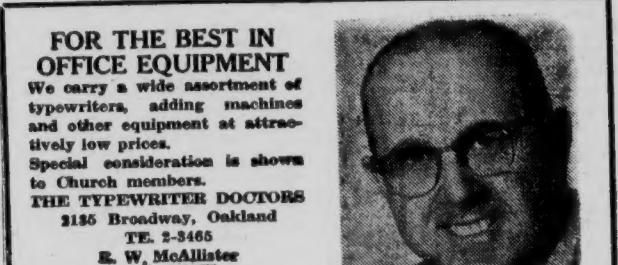
RODEO WARD BISHOPRIC (l to r) 1st Counselor Don Baker, Bishop Fred Stone, and 2nd Counselor George Evans.



ROBERT CASTLE, son of Elias and June Castle, was recently called to serve in the French Mission. Robert previously had attended BYU, majoring in science. He was president of the Stake Council of M&M and Gleaners. Robert is from Concord 2nd Ward.



ELDER BENJAMIN L. FOULK of the Northern American Mission will be released next September. He was made 2nd Counselor to President Ronald V. Stone March 23 at the Mission Home in Cardoba, Argentina. The Argentine Mission was divided last October. Before entering on his mission Ben attended BYU for three years. His brother Donald was released recently from the Guatemalan Mission. They are sons of Marion and Don Sovrign, 37 Ackley Court, Pleasant Hill.



ELDER DUANE B. CHASE was honored at a testimonial March 24, prior to his departure to the Andes Mission with headquarters at Lima, Peru. He is the son of Reed and Wanda Chase of Lafayette-Orinda Ward. His brother, Elder Reed H. (Hal) Chase Jr., is serving in the Bavarian Mission where he has spent 11 months in Munich, Germany. Both Duane and Hal previously attended Brigham Young University to which they plan to return after completion of their missionary service.

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LORETTA ANN HOMSTAD will be married to Raymond P. Lane at the Logan Temple the last week in May, it was announced by Loretta's father, Clyde R. Murphy of El Sobrante Ward. A reception and dance will honor the newlyweds 7:30 p.m., June 7 at the El Sobrante Ward Chapel, 4351 Hilltop Drive.

Raymond completed a mission to the New England States three years ago and is employed by the PG&E. His tribe is a native of Washington who has lived in this area the last year and a half. Both are active in Church work.

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Our ward Temple trip was highly
successful, with around 80 en-
dowments being performed. Con-
gratulations are extended to Bro-
ther and Sister Beedeson, who
were recently married in the tem-
ple.

Half the Elder's Quorum is now participating in the whole-
sale food program, according to
chairman Carvel Daniels. We urge
all families who would like to
augment their year's supply to do
it this sensible, money-saving way. Contact Carvel for price
lists.

Half the Liahona Laborers have
run out of employers! The girls
need more jobs, so look
around the house to see what
you can find for them to do, as
their deadline is June 1.

Congratulations to all the new
baby girls in the families of Bro-
ther and Sister Weeks, McKinney,
and Birch!

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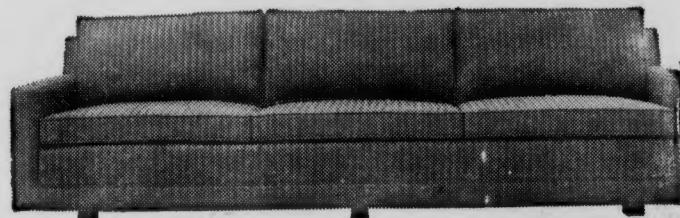
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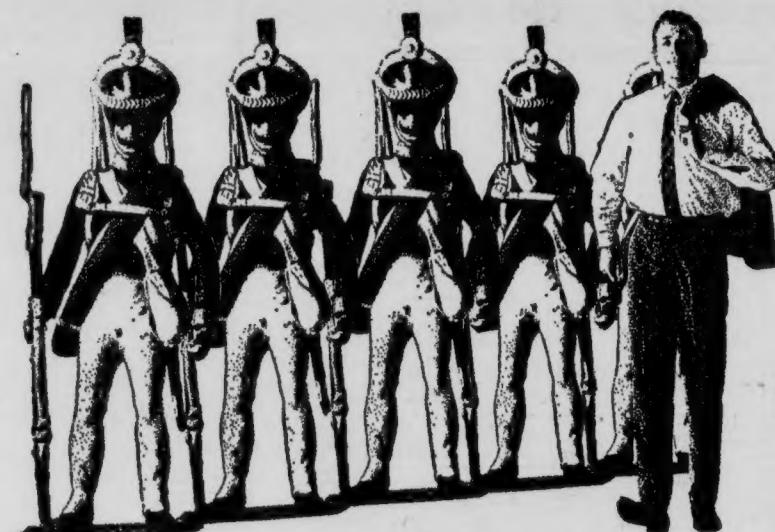
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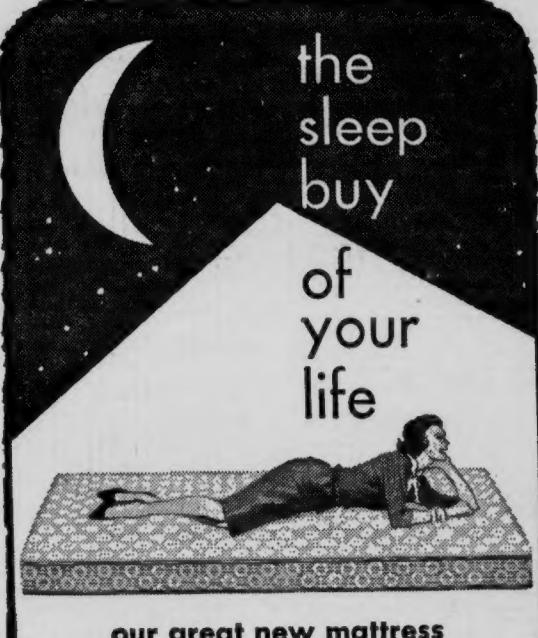
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